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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER TO VISIT MADRID
DURING TRIP TO NEAR EAST AND FAR EAST.

1. FOREIGN MINISTER LOPEZ RODO SENT ME LETTER LATE LAST NIGHT ADVISING ME OF MESSAGE HE HAD SENT TO SECRETARY EXTENDING INVITATION TO VISIT MADRID IN COURSE OF SECRETARY'S FORTHCOMING TRIP TO ARAB CAPITALS AND FAR EAST. HE SENT THIS MESSAGE TO SECRETARY, LOPEZ RODO NOTES, AFTER HE HAD BEEN INFORMED OF JOINT U.S.-MOROCCO COMMUNIQUE RELEASED LAST NIGHT.

2. LETTER CONTINUES AS FOLLOWS: "IT WOULD BE SUPERFLOUS, MY DEAR AMBASSADOR, TO REPEAT TO YOU THE VARIOUS ARGUMENTS WHICH I HAVE HAD OCCASION TO PRESENT TO YOU IN OUR VARIOUS CONVERSATIONS OF RECENT DAYS AND, CONSEQUENTLY, TO ASK YOU QUICKLY TO INTERPOSE YOUR BEST OFFICES WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. KISSINGER, SINCE I TRULY BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES MAKE IT EXPECIALLY ADVISABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY OFFERED TO US BY THE VISIT OF MR. KISSINGER TO A COUNTRY SO CLOSE AND SO INTIMATELY RELATED WITH SPAIN AS MOROCCO."

3. THE INVITATION TO THE SECRETARY OBVIOUSLY REFLECTS THE DESIRE OF THE GOS TO PLAY A ROLE IN THE MIDEAST NEGOTIATIONS AND PERHAPS CONCERN AT POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF U.S.-MOROCCAN DISCUSSIONS WHICH MAY IMPINGE ON SPANISH INTERESTS.

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4. SUBJECT TO OTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT I INTEND TO REPLY

TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER AS FOLLOWS: " I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SECRET-

ARY KISSINGER CONCERNING YOUR KIND INVITATION TO HIM TO VISIT SPAIN DURING HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO ARAB COUNTRIES AND FAR EAST. HE APPRECIATES VERY MUCH YOUR INVITATION AND CONCERN WITH THE EVOLVING MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND IMPRESSIONS WITH YOU. AS YOU WILL UNDERSTAND, HE HAS ONLY A VERY LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE FOR HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP AND THEREFORE INTENDS TO CONCENTRATE DURING HIS VISITS TO THE AREA ON DISCUSSIONS IN COUNTRIES MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE CONFLICT. HE IS LOOKING FORWARD, HOWEVER, TO VISITING MADRID DURING OR AFTER THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL MEETING EARLY NEXT MONTH, AS HE MENTIONED TO YOU DURING YOUR MEETING WITH HIM IN NEW YORK."

5. REQUEST CONCURRENCE.
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